



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Cohen et al.

Examiner: Louie, W.

Serial No.: 09/502,729

Group: Art Unit 2814

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For: DIFFUSION BARRIER LAYER  
AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE  
CONTAINING SAME

Dated: November 14, 2001

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*D. Scott*  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 17-34 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims in view of the preceeding amendment and following remarks are respectfully requested.

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